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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Masayuki TANI *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/845,838

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For: VIDEO OR INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD AND
PROCESSING APPARATUS, AND MONITORING METHOD
AND MONITORING APPARATUS USING THE SAME

Art Unit: 2673

Examiner: Unassigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

27 August 2001

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicant hereby submits the following for entry.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-31, 39-43 and 45-51, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 32-35, 44 and 62 as follows.

32.(Once Amended) An image searching method for searching a video image and for displaying the searched image, comprising:

a search key designating step for designating a search key by inputting either a text or a pattern; and an image searching step for displaying a video image in which an object adapted to the search key designated by said search key designating step is being displayed;